City Council

Direction on Language for Council's Public Hearing Draft of the Comprehensive Plan

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Recommended Action
Committee Recommendation:
Draft Comprehensive Plan language is included in attachments 1-6 from three sources:
1. Council-directed language at its March 11, 2014, study session on:
    a. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change
    b. Sea Level Rise
    c. Dark Skies
2. Land Use and Environment Committee recommended language on:
    a. Rezoning Criteria
    b. High-Density Neighborhood Overlay
3. Staff recommended language, coordinated with Olympia Planning Commission, on:
    a. Comprehensive Plan Action Plan Process
    b. Disaster Planning
    c. Locating Underground Utilities
    d. Parks Maintenance and Operations Funding Consideration

City Manager Recommendation:
Move to direct staff to include the attached recommendations (Attachments 1-6) in a City Council public hearing draft of the Olympia Comprehensive Plan.

Report
Issue:
The Planning Commission and City Manager have presented Council with recommendations on the Comprehensive Plan Update. City Council will hold a public hearing on a draft Comprehensive Plan Update at a date to be determined (most likely in June 2014). What policy language should be included on the issues listed in the recommendation?

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Background and Analysis:
At its February 25 work session on the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update recommended by the Olympia Planning Commission, the City Council referred policy issues to future Council study sessions, to the Land Use and Environment Committee (LUEC), and to staff. The City Council held a work session on March 11, 2014, and considered policies regarding: Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change, Sea Level Rise, and Dark Skies (impacts of lighting on night skies). The LUEC held a meeting on March 27, 2014, and made recommendations regarding: Rezoning Criteria and High-Density Neighborhoods Overlay definition. Staff has met with the lead Planning Commissioner to recommend policies regarding: Comprehensive Plan Action Plan Process, Disaster Planning, Locating Underground Utilities, and Parks Maintenance and Operations Funding Consideration.

Background for each of these issues is provided in the staff reports for these issues for the following public meetings:
- February 25, 2014 City Council meeting
- March 11, 2014 City Council study session
- March 27, 2014 Land Use and Environment Committee meeting

Attachments 1-6 include the recommended language for each issue.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):
Public input collected during the Comprehensive Plan Update *Imagine Olympia* process is documented on the Imagine Olympia website. During the March 27, 2014, LUEC meeting additional public input was received on the Re-zoning Criteria and High-Density Neighborhood Overlay issues.

Options:
1. Move to direct staff to include the attached recommendations (attachments 1-6) in a City Council public hearing draft of the Olympia Comprehensive Plan.
2. Move to amend some or all of the recommended language, and then move to include amended language in a City Council public hearing draft of the Olympia Comprehensive Plan.
3. Refer some or all of the language back to LUEC or staff for further refinement.

Financial Impact:
None; this work item is an element of the Comprehensive Plan Update. Individual policies may have financial implications in the future as they are implemented.